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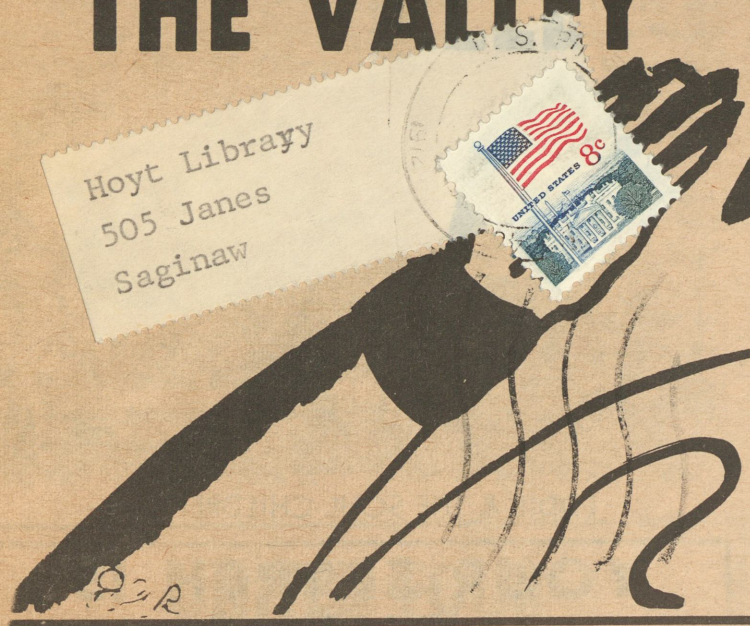

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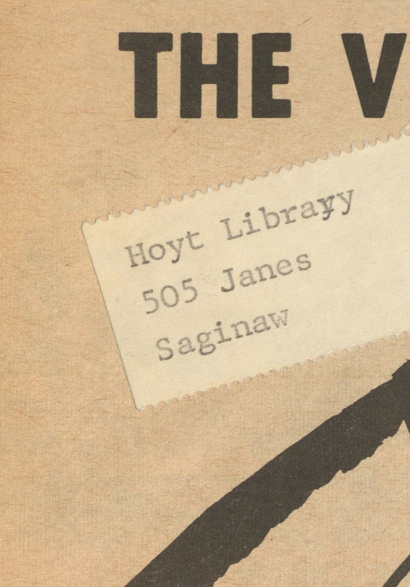

Miss Janice Buck, 3113 S. Washington, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Buck. She is 5'3", 122 pounds and size dress 9.

Janice is attending Delta College and plays tennis, bowls and goes horseback riding

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This pretty 5'5", 127 pound, size 9 dress Sandra Carmier, 1905 Banford Street, is the daughter of Louis and Melvala Carmier.

Sandra attends St. Stephens High School in the 12th grade. She was the class president in the 9th and 10th grades, pep-club vice-president in the 10th grade, and class treasure in her 11th grade.

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Beautiful, 5'5", 120 pound, Miss Augusta Marie Hicks, 232 S. 9th Street, is the daughter of Mrs. Elzara Hicks.

Miss Hicks graduated from Saginaw High School in 1971.

She is planning to apply with TWA airlines.

During her spare time she enjoys to sew, raise tropical fish, horseback riding and loves to meet people. She is also a member of the YWCA.

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Miss Doris Nelson living at 925 Bethany Street is the daughter of Jesse & Viola Nelson. Doris is 5'6½", weights 119 pounds and wears a size 5 dress.

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Hoping for the Miss Autumn Leaves Crown is Sabrina Culpepper of 419 S. 15th Street, daughter of Mr. & Mrs Robert Culpepper.

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Also trying for Miss Autumn Leaves Crown is Rita Swan of 356 S. 12th Street, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hoover Swan.

Miss Swan weights 121 pounds, 5'81/2", and wears a size 7 dress. She attends Saginaw High School in grade 12. She also participates in many sports.

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Here is a very petite, pretty Miss Debra Steward. She wears a size 5 dress, weights 105 pounds and is 5'5". She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Horace Major.

Debra is in the 11th grade at Saginaw High School. She is in the Saginaw High Pep Club.

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Rosalinda Ortega is living at 2107 Hasma Street with her parents, Fernando and Avelina Aranjo.

Miss Ortega is in the 11th grade at Saginaw High School. She is the class president and a cheerleader.

Rosalinda is 112 pounds, 5 feet and wears a size 7 dress.

Miss Yolanda S. Yanez, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Yanez, 455 S. 21st' Street, is 5'2", 105 pounds

Yolanda attends Delta College right now and is in the Viva Club.

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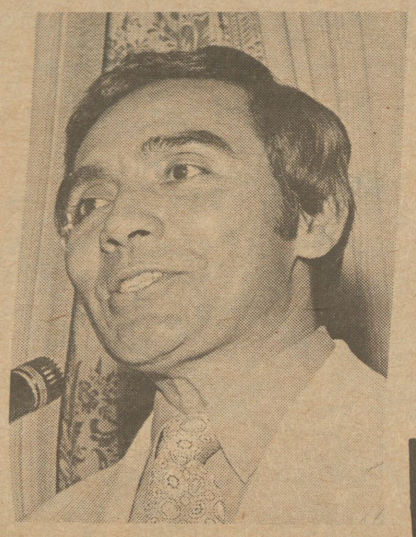

Phillip V. Sanchez, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, announced today reinstatement of a grant to the Delta Community Hospital and Health Center, Inc., of Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

The nine-month, $4,154,385 grant was approved by OEO on July 29. However, on August 31 the grant was vetoed by Mississippi Governor William Waller.

In reinstating the grant, Director Sanchez said he had made a "careful review" of the concerns expressed by the Governor. "I hope our two offices can work together effectively in the future within our common goal of best serving and assisting the people of the Mound Bayou area," Sanchez said in a letter to the Governor.

The grant will be used to expand and improve a comprehensive health care system in four counties. The program serves 32,000 poor people in Bolivar, Coahoma, Sunflower and Washington Counties.

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William Craighead, known to most people in the record business as simply Bill Craig, was recently named Columbia Records' Local R&B Promotion Man of the Year. The presentation was made by Logan H. Westbrooks, director of special markets, at Columbia's annual convention in London.

Craig, promotion manager in Detroit, in the eight months he has been with Columbia, is responsible for breaking such records as "Back Stabbers" by the O'Jays, and "If You Don't Know Me By Now" by Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, both on Philadelphia International, a Columbia/Epic custom label. "He has shown more initiative than any other local manager in the country," stated Westbrooks, "in securing airplay for market-breaking R&B records, and priming them for Top-40 crossover."

Prior to joining Columbia, Craig did independent promotion for such labels as Roulette, Laurie, Big Tree and Jubilee. He also worked at one of the largest record distribution plants in the country, Music Merchant in Detroit.

Craig also operated a management firm in Detroit, where he was born and raised. Of the acts he managed, the Precisions had the most success with the R&B smash, "If This Is Love, I'd Rather Be Lonely," on Drew Records.

WILLIAM CRAIGHEAD

It is his current position at Columbia, however, that fascinates him the most. "I'm chiefly responsible for all of Michigan and Toledo, Ohio," Craig states. "This gives me an opportunity to be very flexible, and, at the same time, lets me cover a large amount of territory. Historically, the area that I cover is one of the best record-buying markets anywhere."

Contact: Bernard Comas

Laraza Unida Fourth Annual Conference

If anyone is interested in joining the LaRaza Unida or attending the LaRaza Unida Conference in East Lansing, please contact Mr. Fred R. Quiroga at 753-5853 (home).

The Conference will be held in Wills Hall on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing on October 14, 1972. There will no registration charge, but there will be a charge of $2.00 per person for lunch.

The keynote address will be giving by Senor Armando B. Rendon, Author of "Chicano Manifesto", also workshops including:

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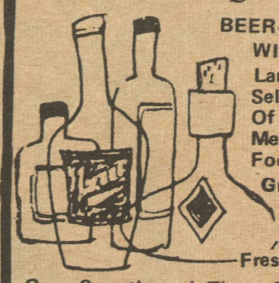

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Has Model Cities Changed Their Direction?

FROM: Jim Colvin, Editor

September 28, 1972, the Model Neighborhood Policy Board held its regular bi-weekly meeting. As usual, not much toke place but alot of confusion. The board had expressed it's strong desire to support Mr. Terry Pruitt for the position of executive director for Saginaw Model Cities. Program. But some were along the line the policy board personal committee said that they were confused and didn't know where their position was, therefore, they didn't make a recommendation nor report to the policy board their position with whom they had recommended ofr they had recommended for the job. They stated, "that the city manager asked them not to reveal the names that were submitted to him to the policy board, because of fear what publicity would do to the pointing of the administrator".

Therefore the policy board never knew who was recommended for the position until it was announced by the city manager. Other than the facts of the policy board is still dominated by that very view who happen to be agency representative presenties.

The Model neighborhood has not recieved the attension that it should be getting from its neighborhood elected representies. One number of the board Mrs. Johnnie Moody, who has brought forthe many ideas to the policy board express her deep concern about the most important facts of the Model Cities Program and that was, "What has happen to the Model Cities Neighborhood Developement. She said we are struggling to enter our 3rd year of the 5 year Model Cities Plan and we have not seen one change in physical developement. Our neighborhood has continued to deteriorate until

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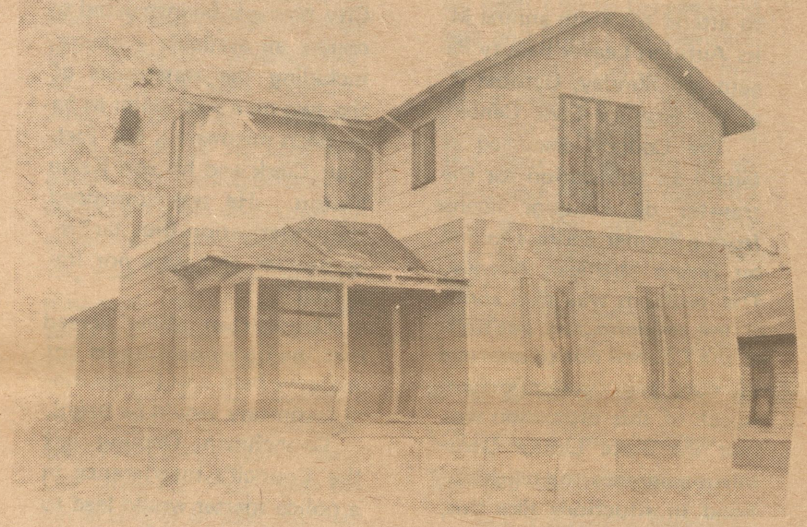
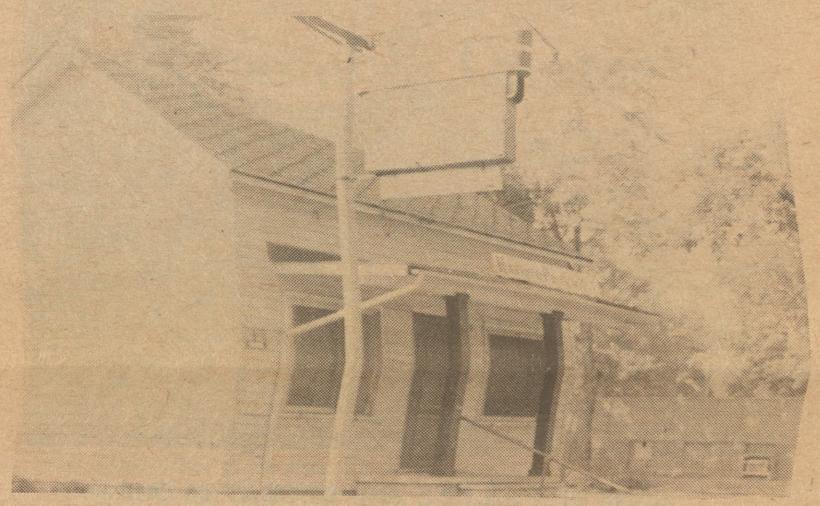


LANDLORD IS FAR ENOUGH AWAY NOT TO CARE ABOUT THIS SAD SCENE.

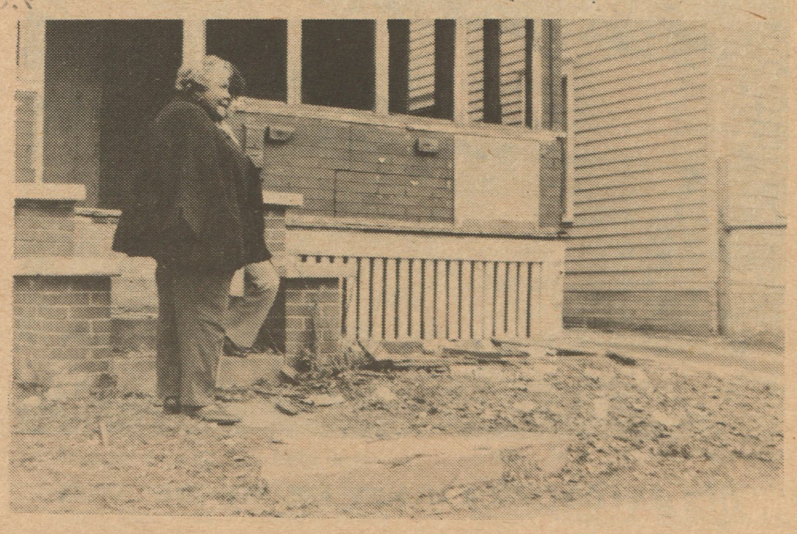


ANOTHER BUSINESS, ONCE SUCCESSFUL, NOW "FOR SALE"

SOME BUILDINGS REMAIN EMPTY FOR YEARS.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS LEAVES MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD.

IS THIS OUR REWARD AFTER TWO YEARS OF STRUGGLE?



EMPTY HOUSE, A TARGET FOR VANDALS.

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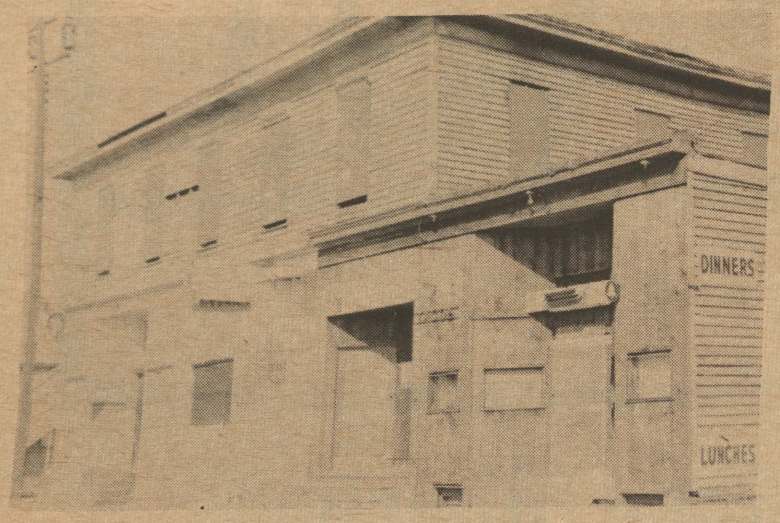
it has reached the point of no return.

"The Model Cities newspaper editor, Mr. Jim Colvin, was present at this meeting, so the following day he grabbed his camera and went strolling through the Model Cities area, so he was not able to travel a one block area before he was knocked off his feet from what he saw of the number of abandoned houses in a one block area, but he did recover enough to travel onto Wadsworth Street only to find an equal of number of businesses that had fleid from the Model neighborhood.

The following photos were taken by Mr. Jim Colvin, "It Is Now Up To You!"



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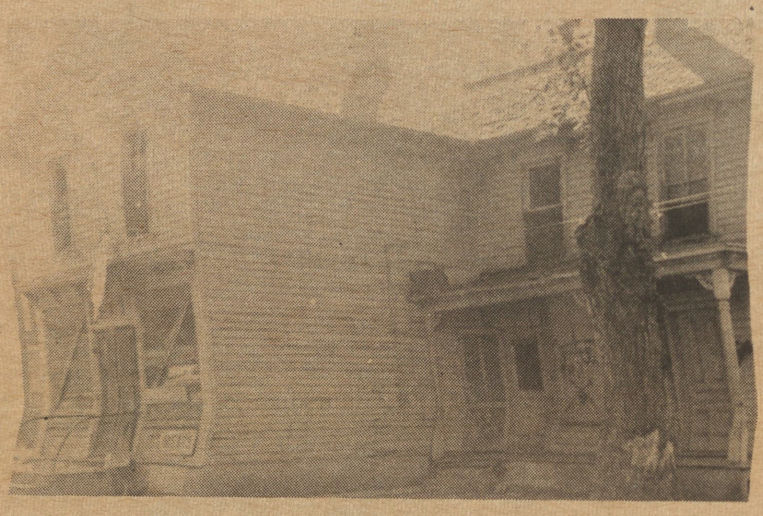
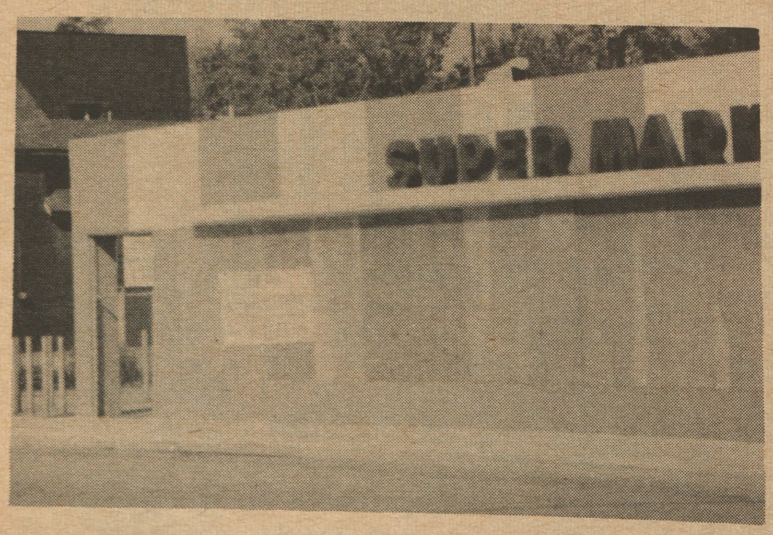


SIGNS OF FAILURE AND DEFEAT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

EMPTY BECAUSE NOBODY NEEDS A PLACE TO LIVE?



THIS MAN GOT YOUR MONEY AND HIT THE ROAD.

City Council Responds To Press Attacks

BY: Charlene Colvin

In the Saginaw City Council's regular meeting on Monday, October 2, several of the most important pieces of business were not on the agenda.

Among the 24 people who attended that meeting were former Councilman Rev. Roosevelt Austin, Chief of Police Freeman Coats, and the grandfather of Councelman Miller, Mr. Gene Wolf of Wisconsin, who has just retired from the banking business at age 80.

A petition was received by the Council relating to the current controversy over hospital blood supplies. Instead of the usual "receive and file" action, used for many communications, the Council voted to reply strongly to this petition. They urged all paries involved to find a method, and quickly, to settle this dispute in the best interest of the community.

Another Communication, which the Council accepted with thanks, was an invitation to attend the sixth annual Miss Autumn Leaves Beauty Pagent, on Sunday, October 8, at the Saginaw Civic Center.

The Council discussed at length an application for the transfer of a liquor license from a former address to one on South Michigan Avenue. The problem was that some of the residents had petitioned the Council not to approve the transfer. One important aspect of this discussion was that the State Liquor Commission surveys the neighborhood in situations like this, and that the results of the surveys are never available to the Council. The Council agreed to request the city attorney to demand access to that information before voting on the license.

Also an ordinance was introduced, at the request of the Saginaw Symphony, to change the name of Fitzhugh Street, where it is adjacent to the Civic Center complex, to "Symphony Lane".

Several significant items were then brought up under miscellaneous business.

First, Councilman Miller brought to the attention of the Council the service award which had been presented by the Municipal League to Saginaw's City attorney Vincent Nash. The Council agreed the award was a well-deserved one since Mr. Nash had served the city well for many years.

Councilman Tortora brought up the subject of remarks made by downtown merchant Max Heavenrich, Jr., and quoted in the Saginaw News, criticizing the Council for lack of cooperation in downtown redevelopement. Most of the councilmen were aware of the article and called the remarks "caustic" and "serious accussations". On the other hand, they felt any citizen had a right to criticize any government body, and newspapers had the right to publish all such criticism.

However, the Council did feel that, if Mr. Heavenrich had volid complaints or information that could contribute to better cooperation by the Council, he should be heard. It was agreed he would be contacted by Mayor Wendler. The Mayor emphasized, as he has often in the past, that there is a prosperous future ahead for the downtown area, and that those involved in planning that future could not be stopped by "small roadblocks".

Councilman Loucks introduced for discussion the decision of the recent police "trial board" which concluded that two officers, involved in a recent incident of alleged police brutality, were not guilty of excessive use of force. It was soon apparent that Council members had widely differing opinions on the subject.

Mr. Loucks opinion was evident in his motion that the City Manager be instructed to review all available evidence, including the statements of the two men who claim to have been mistreated, Mr. Fletcher Clark and his son Kevin Moton. He was convinced the investigation thus far "was neither complete nor impartial."

Councilman Miller agreed that the investigation was not properly held and hoped more testimony would be heard.

Councilman Oeming felt the Council's interference in a police matter would lead to a "kangaroo court" and said, "I don't want any part of it."

Mayor Wendler also indicated he had enough confidence in the police department, in Chief Coats, the city attorney and the city manager to accept their carefully considered decision in this case.

The City Manager stated firmly that a detailed investigation was conducted by members of the police department who have made professional careers out of conducting investigations. He said that in light of that investigation he was in agreement with their decision that the officers were not guilty of misconduct. The City Manager's decision is the important one, since it iso

nce it is only the City Manager who has the authority to discipline a police officer for misconduct.

The motion to direct City Manager Pothoff to review all the evidence was defeated by a 6 - 3 vote, and the decision not to discipline the officers. will stand.

In the last item of business, Councilman Miller asked to Council to invite the publisher of the Model Cities News, Mr. Alonza Colvin, to appear before the Council to explain an editorial published in the Valley Star. Mr. Miller was upset by some of the statements made about Council actions. He said, "he wanted actions. He said, "We may have done an injustice to Mr. Colvin," but on the other hand, "some of the statements made in the article just were untrue." He said he wanted to get down to the truth of the matter and stop tossing it back and forth in the newspapers.

Councilman Nelson stated that the audit report on the Model Cities News received by the Council a few weeks ago, "showed precisely what we all knew was going to happen. That $31,000 was in fact an outright subsidy to the Valley Star and we approved the contract knowing that." Mr. Nelson stated, as he had before, that part of the purpose of the Model Cities program was to help get new businesses started in Model Neighborhoods.

Mr. Oeming stated firmly, and most of the Council agreed, that he would not agree to invite Mr. Colvin to Council to answer for the editorial, expecially since it was printed in the Valley Star and not in the Model Cities News. However, Mr. Oeming did recall that the original contract did specify a review after six months and that the six-month period was almost up. He said he would agree to call Mr. Colvin in ony

Colvin in only as a part of the review.

It was finally agreed that Mr. Colvin would be contacted by the Mayor.

The Council voted to adjourn shortly after 9:30 P.M.

National V.D. Campaign Underway

FROM: Mr. Guy Merriam,
Public Health Educator

The Dick Cavett Show will host "V.D. Blues" on October 9 at 8:00 P.M. launching a national awareness campaign on venereal disease. So reports Delta College TV-19. Immediately following the one hour program, a discussion panel composed of local personalities will be televised. Among the panel participants will be Dr. Ophelia Baker, Deputy Health Commissioner for the Saginaw County Department of Health.

In an effort to provide full coverage to the probel full coverage to the problem, an informational center will be maintained by TV-19 beginning Monday, October 9 from 9:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.; Tuesday through Friday from 7-11 P.M. Nurses from the Saginaw Valley area will be in TV-19 studios to answer phoned-in questions related to venereal disease. Several County Health Nurses will be among those who have volunteered to help "man" the information center.

United Way News Roundup

This week the United Way spotlight falls on Cal Beatty, Community Services Director of the Boy Scouts, who also serves as Inner-City Services Executive. He has agreed to bring us up to date on the Boy Scout Inner-City programs.

Q: Cal, what is the function of an Inner-City Services Executive?
A: Well, Barb, we wear many hats. We develop new service and implement the Boy Scout services already available in the Inner-City. We work with residents of the Inner-City on a planning committee; and with other agencies in the Inner-City, such as Model Cities, Community Action Programs, Neighborhood Youth Corps, the Urban League and many others. We attempt to insure that the Council supports systems that are geared to programs that will interest Inner-City boys and we work with camp staffs and other professionals to help them develop an understanding of the Inner-City so that they may work more effectively.

Q: What programs are you presently involved in?
A: Boy Scout Day Camp at Camp Kiwanis in Frankenmuth and non-scout campership program at our three permanent camps: Rotary, Bear Lake and Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation.

Q: Who is eligible for your Day Camp Program?
A: Any boy in Saginaw County, preferably Inner-City residents, 8 - 14 years of age.

Q: What activities will be offered at day camp?
A: Arts and crafts, nature studies, fishing, swimming, softball, hiking, visits by professional athletes and business and community leaders, also horseback riding and field trips. The BSA have committed themselves to see that every boy, regardless of race, creed or color will have an opportunity to be a part of the program of the BSA. Therefore, we must try new methods in order to reach everyone. We are expanding our programs and utilizing different methods than we had in the past.

Q: Do you provide transportations?
A: Yes, our council owns a 35 passenger bus in which we will provide free pick-up for boys attending each week.

Q: What are some of your greatest needs in the Boy Scout Inner-City Program?
A: Leadership for packs, troops and posts. We need people who can relate to kids and their problems.

Q: Since you do have a shortage of leaders how are you presently serving the boys in the area?
A: In addition to myself, we have three other men on the staff, under my direction, whose primary responsibility is to serve those units, in whatever way possible as leaders, trainers, etc. These workers are funded by a special grant from the United Way.

Q: I see. How are you able to determine if boys in the area respond to the Boy Scout Program?
A: The response we get to our diversified programs is evident when we see the boys coming back again year after year, whether it be summer camp, softball leagues and clinics, basketball leagues and clinics, field trips which create worthwhile experiences, or the traditional scouting program with relevant additions.

Q: I know that Boy Scouts of America have become involved in the drug abuse problem through a nationwide drug education program called "OPERATION REACH" which is designed to educate boys to drugs, its uses and abuses and the importance of communication with their parents and adults. Ralph Smith, your Executive Director, discussed this on an earlier program. What else are the Boy Scouts involved in?
A: Presently our council is participating in a program called PROJECT SOAR (Save Our American Resources) Which attempts to deal with anti-pollution and conservation projects. In connection with this, we are organizing a conservation, clean-up project for units in the city.

Q: Do you serve only the County of Saginaw?
A: Oh no, Barb, we have a staff of 17 men and 8 women and serve 19 counties in northeastern Michigan.

Q: My goodness, that must keep you busy. Traditionally, the BSA has only worked with boys, will this change?
A: Yes, it has already, our Exploring program which relates to teenagers is open to females and they represent 20% of our total Explorer membership.

Q: So women's lib has affected even the Boy Scouts! Tell me, Cal, if any groups, sororities, or services clubs are interested in assisting, how may they help?
A: We need sponsors and volunteers to plan and coordinate our programs and activities. Anyone who is interested should contact our office and we will gladly explain how they may get involved.

Next week we will have some up-to-date news for you on Himophilia of Michigan, a Michigan United Fund agency.

For further information about any item, just call Barb Sovereen at 755-0505. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

I do not drive, nor own a car, therefore I can not travel far, and so I take a Greyhound bus. But oh, the slowness and the fuss! You sit and sit and wait and wait while the driver shifts and the rear wheels grate, still he dares not move than '65'. He's paid to bring us back alive. The lady sitting across from me, seems cordial, through dressed expensively. Ahead of her a business man. Who knows but he what is his plan? The girl beside me, her smoke just blows and politely asks: Does it bother you?
Some talk, sing or read a book-but I just mostly sit and look. The door came open-why is that? Oh, I see-just a railroad track. At every crossing, the bus must halt-Oops! Some kid just spilled his malt! Now, here's a place we stop and rest. Our driver seems to know what's best-but I've been resting all along, does he think to stand will make me strong? Oh, I might as well, I'm here to stay-until all aboard, were on our way-so, back I go to the same old seat and hope I get there clean and neat. I've bought myself a magazine at which I'll look for a change of scene and then I may just go to sleep and pray the Lord my soul to keep, and just relax and be thankful for the driver's fuss on this grinding, gassy greyhound bus.

BY: Joy Bacon

Chorus Observing 29th Anniversary

The Tabernscle Baptist Gospel Chorus will be observing their 29th anniversary on October 15, 1972, at 3:30 P.M. at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be the Rev. James Adams of Memphis, Tennesee. They will also have guest choirs from throughout the city. We invite you to come pray and celebrate with us.

Teenage Thoughts

BY: Ray Ramirez, S.S. Supt.

God is like BAYER ASPIRIN; He works wonders!
God is like PEPSI; He's got a lot to give!
God is like FORD; He's got a better idea!
God is like DIAL SOAP; He gives around the clock protection.
God is like COKE; He's the real thing!
God is like the PAN-AMERICAN; He makes the going great!
God is like SCOPE; He keeps you fresh all day!
and finally-God is like HALLMARK; He cared enough to send His very best!

Model Cities People Have A Chance to Make Voice Heard

Who are Model Cities People?

They are people like yourself, your neighbor, your grocer, your preacher, your garbage collector, your barber, your mailman, your Model Neighborhood Commissioner.

They come in all sizes and shapes. They are old and young, black and white, and mostly poor.

For a long time Model Cities people didn't seem to havs a voice in the decisions that affected their lives. They didn't speak out in large numbers when they had problems.

When Model Cities cam along, they began to realize that their voice could be heard from even the poorest, most neglected parts of town.

Their voices were not militant, or revolutionary. They were simply concerned, and wanted something done to correct some wrongs that their neighborhood was facing.

Model Cities gave them a vehicle to be heard, and to get something done in constructive ways.

Model Cicites people have not traditionally made any impact on their city government, because they have not known how. The majority of them (78 percent) work in unskilled or non-professional factory jobs. Most of the heads of households, 78.5 percent, did not complete high school. The average median incoms in the Model Neighborhood area is $3750 a year.

The Model Cities people have usually been left out in the past from prsitions of power in government. Through the Model City Commission, however, they can strengthen their place as leaders in the community, raise their status, and have a positive voice in what happens to their city and to their own families.

This partner ship between these grass roots Model Cities people and local governemnt officials is a unigue opportunity to bring about some needed changes.

Model Cities people can make progress together.-

Quotable Quotes

by Carole Jones

1. The search for a scapegoat is the easiest of all hunting expeditions.

2. Don't be troubled if the temptation to give advice is irresistible; the ability to ingore it is universal.

3. *Frustration is commonly the difference between what you would like to be and what you are willing to sacrifice to become what you would like to be.*

4. Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression.

5. September is when a million bright, shining, happy, laughing faces turn toward school. They belong to mother.

6. The worst boss anyone can have is a bad habit.

7. *I finally know what distinguishes man from the other beast: financial worries.*

8. Between dogma on one hand and skepticism on the other, there's another way — open-minded uncertainty.

CMU Mount Pleasant, Michigan

SUBMITTED BY:
CHARLES H' COLEMAN

The Organization of Black Unity, (OBU) the Black Student orgai
dent organization of Central Michigan University has elected its officers for the 1972-1973 academic year. The elected officers of the OBU hope to act as the leaders of the Black Students in their quest to become a viable part of Central's Student Political activity. One of it's major goals is to involve Black Students in Student Government and to unite them for Black Student Activities. The major purpose of the OBU is to present the goals and aspirations of Blackness to Mt. Plesant and the Campus of CMU. Other than working with politics, the OBU will help coordinate many of the Black Student activities, including Black History week.

The elected Representative are Wanda Howell, Muskegeon Freshman, Cecelia Tolliver, Detroit Sophmore, Larry Reynolds, Ferndale Junior, Jim Gaddis, Saginaw Senior, Phil Todd, Battle Greek Junior, and Charles Coleman, Saginaw Junior. Gail Mosley, Grand Rapids Freshman was elected secretary.

The next Organization of Black Unity meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28th, in the University Center Auditorium. All interested persons are invited to attend. Anyone wishing to know more about the OBU of CMU is invited to write:

The Organization of Black Unity, Box 181 Warriner Hall Central Michigan University Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48-858

People Talk

BY: Linda Wilson

MRS. LATIMAR & FRAZIER

MRS. GARCIA & FAMILY

LINDA CALVEIR & ELON BANKS

Sonny Mellow (Micheal Henderson), 301 N. 6th Street, stated that it's together pretty nice, it lets you know whats happening in the city. Could stand to be improved in size such as about the size of the Saginaw News. It should be daily news paper inst-of a weekly paper or maybe a every other day paper. Should cover the whole city instead of just one side of town. The recreation area should have more, plus it could stand a lot of remodeling along with some expanding. It needs night clubs for the young as well as for the older people. The people should get together and go down to the city hall and complain about the problems the people have with the rubbish in the streets. Just simply get together and compermise among the people.

Willie Mae Latimar, 1407 Tulsoa Street and C.M. Frazier, 121 S. 11th Street, said it was very nice to read plus it covers all the important facts of the city. She knows the situation pretty well because she works for M.P.C. The city is trying to get some more fields of recreation. They are trying to get more recreation area period physically. If there were more places to go the children and adults wouldn't get into so many things that's trouble. They would have something else to think about.

Mrs. Oscar Garcia, 133 N. 12th Street, reads the paper when ever she can. It's nice and very enjoyable to read. It could stand a little bit more improvement in the recreation area such as, places to go bowling, swimming, ect. But all the same its worth the time to stop and take the time to read the paper. Needs to be a daily issue.

Miss Loretta Liggins, 207½ S. 13th Street, says it's an interesting paper and tells the happening of the outside community. But there isn't enough recreation in the Saginaw areas period, far as that goes. The paper covers all the happenings of the Saginaw area. The paper should be expanded plus go all over the city instead of the one place.

Mrs. Mary Lopez, 1420 Janes, and Mrs. G.G. Green 1414 Janes, said that she likes the paper, and it's interesting but some of the things she can't understand too well in english so she successed that some of the news be written in spanish so that some of the people who can't read english can read it in spanish, She don't speak or read english that well. There should be some more safe playgrounds for the children to play in and not in such dangerous places. Mrs. G.G. Green said that the city should keep the streets up more better than they do now since there's two big parties working to better the city.

Owner of Joe's Pawn Shop said that he reads the Valley Star paper when ever he can get one. But thinks that it should have some more news articles along with the ads that run in the paper. It should also have something to create an interest to the people such as puzzles, poems, and maybe a small section of jokes.

Edna Lott thinks that the Valley Star and the Model Cities papers are very nice as it stands but could stand a little more news sections. But all the same thinks that its worth her time to stop and read the paper. It covers a lot of the happenings and a lot of interesting things along with most of the happenings.

Elon Banks, 3011 Walnut St., said the Valley Star is a very good paper, and it's quite important. The community could use some more programs that is dealing with the people of the Saginaw area community to improve living conditions of our community there should be more places for the Blacks to go to and more jobs training for Black people. All the people are equal and should be treated as one.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT AGAINST FIRE

Childrens' Dental Health Cared For

FROM: Guy Douglas Merriam

The Free Summer Topical Fluoride Program conducted by the Counth Department of Health reached more than 1,750 school age children this year reports Dr. Robert Dennison, Dental Health Division Head. All but ten percent of the total number of children treated received the complete series of four treatments. The topical application of fluoride can reduce the incidence of dental caries up to 42%, Dennison reported.

People Tend to Underestimate Social Security

People tend to underestimate the monthly benefits social security can pay. According to recent survey, only one person in 25 gave the correct answer to this question:

"Let's take a man 35 years old, with a wife and two young children and average earnings of about $500 a month. If he became disabled and couldn't work any more, about how much do you think he and his family would get from social security? Or if he died, how much do you think his wife and children would get? (Just a rough guess)."

The question was put to a sampling of people 18 and over across the Nation. The correct answer is about $500 a month, according to Stefan Gasparovic, social security district manager in Saginaw.

"But three out of four people guessed the social security payments would be $350 a month or less," he said. "More than half guessed $250 or less. One out of four guessed $150 or less."

Social security pays monthly disability benefits to eligible workers and their families if the worker is severely disabled and cannot work for a year or more. Survivors benefits are payable to certain family members if the worker dies. A worker's benefit amount is based on his average earnings covered by social security over a period of years.

"If a 35-year-old worker becomes disabled in 1972," Gasparovic said, "he and his family could be eligible for disability payments if he had worked in jobs covered by social security for 5 of 10 years before he became disabled."

If the worker died, Gasparovic said, his wife and children could start getting payments from social security if he had worked 1½ years during the 3 years before he died in work covered by social security.

"A woman who works is building similar protection for herself and her family," he said.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

ARIES- Moderate in all things or run the risk of the subsequent storm pulling your ship apart. Your ideas tend to orbit out of sight; seek wise counsel.

TAURUS- Pull your world together for a beautiful trip into a galary of brilliant happenings. Remain cool and not too cover if you would keep harmony with close playmates.

GEMINI- Rap for keeps with those in power to underwrite your next move. Everything comes to those who never give up. You're pulling your share of goodies now.

CANCER- The need to play it safe is still of foremost authursts of temper. The temptation to tilt and throw caution to the wind must be tempered; delay decisions.

LEO- You seem to have your finger on the pulse of important matters and the right plan with which to proceed. A love interest can quickly sweep you into
sweep you into a new life. Be certain it is with a well-known partner.

VIRGO- Your turn to mount the dream clouds, but be certain the players are for real. Tension is fast easing and a bountiful future should come into focus.

LIBRA- There's a tendency to overplay your hand that must be controlled. Don't push lady luck too far. Strange things are happening and will be all year. All moves must be thoroughly thought through if you would maintain top billing in your world. Fortune smiles kindly on the wise.

SCORPIO- Bonuses come to those who work while they wait. If you've been working hard it now pays off. Your portion of the globe is scheduled for recognition.

SAGITTARIUS- Getting into step with the right people can put you into top - drawer activities. Your spell is irresistible so make waves.

CAPRICORN- No questions you can manuever out of the tight spots but with a little common sense you can stur clear. Situations can force you into hasty errors or accidents. Stay cool and let another carry the ball.

AQUARIUS- Your penchant for research can pay off for some contributions are large scale. Travel or the written word gain you a position of special notability.

PISCES- Perfect for health considerations and expanded activities. Get to work on a three - month plan of action. With confidence you'll reach goal.

Black Progress

By Hellen E. Hall

On April 13, 1924, Robert C. Laing, a former writer for the Saginaw Evening News, wrote a review of a book on the life of Isaac Williams, whom, he said, held a unique place in Saginaw History. The book was entitled "Sunshine and Shadow of Slave Life", a tale by the Evening News Printing and Binding House. A copy was sent to the News--compliments of Isaac D. Williams and Tege, East Saginaw, February 26, 1880. Tege was the nom de plume (pen aame) used by William F. Goldie at that time--and a member of the Evening News Staff; Williams, a Black man employed as a janitor by banks of the city. "He was a jovial fellow, wrote Tege, with a cheery word for all friends and acquaintances, and residen who remember "Ike" Williams or "Uncle Ike", as he was familiarly called."

A former slave, having made his escape to Canada and freedom when 33 years of age, he could talk entertainingly of his life and experiences in "the Sunny South". Although he could neither read nor write, he had much natural ability and possessed the faculty of expressing himself well in conversation. So well could the former slave (then 65) recall incidents and tell of his life in bondage, that Tege decided to make use of the notes jotted down in the course of various conversations.

Born in King George County, Virginia, he, as a child, had the run of a large plantation with plenty to eat and drink--and had much fun with his parents, brothers and sis his parents, brothers and sisters. He was born free--his father being free. Some years after his father decided to go to England rather than to a colony of free Blacks in Liberia, leaving his family, He first took precaution of getting a plantation owner appointed as guardian of his little son. Unfortunately, the guardian died, and a new one took his place. His widow remarried and it was then that Ike learned what it really meant to be a slave. He was large and powerfully built and didn't mind the hard work--but he felt his freedom was endangered under the conditions of his new guardian. He was sold by his guardian as a slave--tho he was free--for $500.00. This was 1854 when Williams had grown to be over six feet and weighed over 260 pounds.

He became acquainted with two men from Massachusetts and learned that in the North slavery was regarded as a curse. He had been made a slave through fraud and was and was determined to be free.

He was accused by surrounding farmers of making other slaves discontented by talking of freedom and liberty in the North. To get rid of him his owner sold him to a man in Fredericksburg, Virginia, who kept him in sort of a pen where several were huddled promiscuously--locking them up in just enough room to stand at night. Then he was rising in the slave market and it was the intention of the owners to ship him to Georgia. (They were handled as cattle in those days.)

One day he was given permission to go across the road for some clothes. He never returned--and with a friend--escaped--hiding in the daytime and traveling at night. They made them wade, persued by two dogs. But they managed to kill them with an old carving knife he had tied to a stout pole. They were finally captured, but broke jail, and began running again. After many harrowing experiences, the two reached Alexandria; and passing through Washington and Baltimore, reached Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In Pennsylvania they reached the Underground Railroad--where they were aided to reach New York State. They took a bus across New York and finally made it safely to Canada.

They had dinner at Saint Catherine's on Christmas Day and then went on to Ingersol, Ontario, where he worked for years. He came to East Saginaw in April, 1868, going to work for the man by whom he was employed in Canada.

In 1872, after having prospered in his northern home and accumulated a little property, he went to visit relations and friends in the South. (By this time, the slaves were freed.)

He visited President Grant, first, to find out if it was safe to travel through the South without being recaptured. The President assured him that it was. He held a document signed by prominent East Saginaw bankers that he presented to the President. (Population of East Saginaw then was 18,000. Salt and lumber were the chief industries.)

In the South he saw his former slave wife who had remarried--and who had taken food to him to caves for three weeks when he first escaped.

"Uncle Ike" was highly regarded by all who knew him, and occupied a really unique position in the life of Saginaw ians in his time. He also played an important role in advertisements for Pere Marquette Rail Excursions and boat excursions. Because he loved people, and was anxious to learn, this illiterate, former slave prospered and left his own niche in Saginaw's history.

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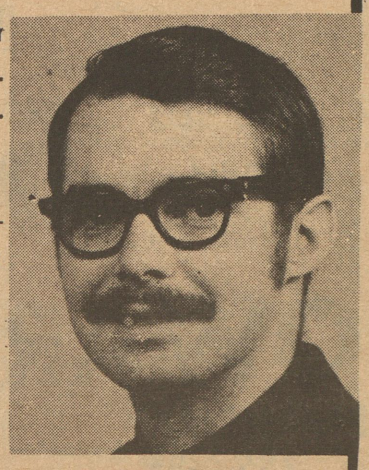

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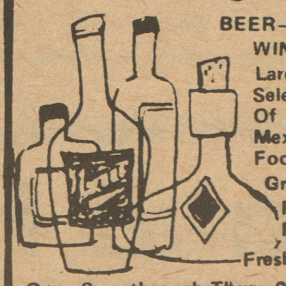

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Drug Abuse

BY CAROLE JONES

Freddie H. was ten years old when the police found him dead in a courtyard. He died of an overdose of herion.

Gloria B. was 17. She had been picketing in favor of treatment centers for addicts. One week later she was dead of an overdose of herion. It was her first drug experience. No matter what anyone tells you, it's not hip to be hooked.

Drugs can pep you up, cool you down, blow your mind help you escape, or turn you on. In the process, they may damage your brain, cause birth defects, several mental disturbances, or death. You may think it can't happen to you, but experts agree that that attitude is how addicts are made.

Monitors of the drug problem believe there is a definite trend among young people toward the use of hard core drugs. In 1969 it was estimated that more than 50% of nation's known addicts were under the age of 30, with increasing numbers under 20 years of age.

Herion addiction has reached almost epidemic proportions in the 16 year old and younger population.

Investigations of all crimes involving juveniles blamed the magnitude of the drug problem among youth on a number of things, including lack of parental supervisions, increasing mobility, and exposure to outside influences.

Drug abuse is often the outward expression of much deeper problems.

For example, if a kid isn't making it in school he doesn't study harder, he takes a few pills or smokes a few sticks of marijuana to escape. When he's using a drug, everything is great, consequently he keeps on using it in order to keep this feeling.

Some blamed the increase in the number of experimenters with drugs on the enthusiastic reports of drug effects from other users.

Peer groups pressure is also a significant factor in experimentation with drugs.

What the user fails to recognize, though, is that the person who comes to you offering drugs and talking about the wonderful things they can do isn't the addict. As stated recently of a Youth Aid Bureau, "Addicts don't talk about their addiction, they aren't out there trying to turn the whole world on. So, the new user isn't getting the complete picture of what can happen to him."

What can be done to solve the problem? The major factor in decreasing drug abuse is education.

If we let them see exactly what happens to persons who become addicted, I think it would help. Not by talking pretty pictures, but real life deteriorations of physical and mental well-being that occurs in every case of drug addiction.

One key factor in education and treatment is acceptance of the fact that addiction is a consequence of other psychological and sociological problems, and must be approached as such.

Educational programs should be directed at teachers and parents as well as young people; and should be geared toward a factual realistic approach to the problem.

There are several agencies available for the treatment and education of the drug abuse in Saginaw Model Cities area, just contact Stop the Flow of Drugs at the Housing Commission, 752-8621.

Point of View

BY: Sandra Carmier

The Black females who desire to make our relationship with Black men more meaningful, must let our preaccupation with "White girls" subside and deal with the real problem & our survival.

As Black women, we must realize that our priarities lie in establishing stronger lines of communication with our men, not downgrading them.

The "Right On" dashikied brother, who when he's not raising a clenched fist is clutching a "white chick", is not a rare sight. But he is Black and striving for some form of recognition. We must ask ourselves, "Why is that white girl there?" Possibly she's given this brother more of a sense of personal identity than any sister has. Don't shrug this off, sisters. Many sisters believe that a Black man who goes with a white chick is denying honor to the women in his family and his culture. Could it be that in reacting a companion a white girl was first to accept him as he was. Perhaps Black women though conscious of his needs, couldn't accept him on his terms. We are tossed between what our men and our culture demand of us, and what the "American woman" image wants us to be. Fortunately, most Blacks realize the farce of the Women's Lib movement and its rervance to the Black struggle..Our only the Black struggle. Our only responsibility is to our men and children. We must attempt to give them the image of a woman that they need in order for us to survive as a Black functioning, family unit. This should be our only preoccupation because it is our only means of survival. It is silly to expect an honest Black man to say, "I used to dig white girls, but now I only go for sisters. Wouldn't you prefer that he tells you that as his woman comrade, and companion, "You meet and satisfy all of my needs as a Black man so perfectly, that I no longer have a need to look any farther for a woman I need and want." Dig it, sisters and survive!

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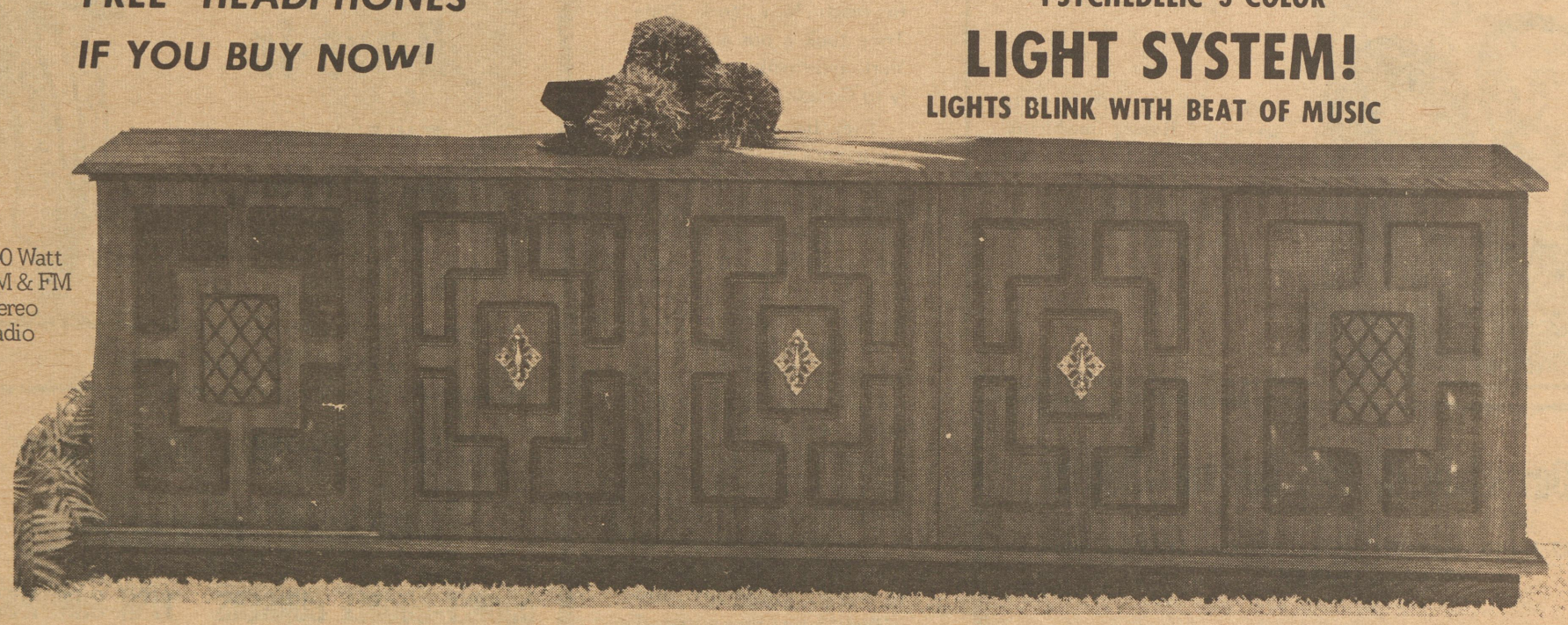

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